

# Council Highlights

**Friday, December 12, 1997**  
**Roger Kimura MD, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by Dr Leonard Howard, President at 5:45 p.m.

Those present were Drs J. Spangler, Immediate Past President; R. Kimura, Secretary; C. Kelley, Treasurer; T. Au, J. Betwee, G. Caputy, J. Chang, W. Chang, C. Goto, G. Goto, C. Kam, R. Kienitz, P. Kim, B. Leeloy, C. Lehman, P. Lum, J. Lumeng, T. Magoun, J. McDonnell, G. McKenna, W. McKenzie, E. Montell, S. Saiki, M. Shirasu, M. Sia, R. Stodd, S. Wallach, W. Young.

**HMA Staff:** J. Won, N. Jones, H. Singh, J. Asato, P. Kawamoto and A. Rogness-recording secretary.

• **HMSA Physician Agreement:** Dr Howard introduced representatives from the consortium ( Drs. Arlene Jouxson-Meyers, Malcolm Ing and Mrs. Susan Wong) who have been meeting regarding the HMSA Physician Agreement. The consortium put together a list of points that they would like to see changed in the proposed contract. Dr Howard reported that meetings with HMSA and the consortium would continue and that the HMA Economics/MCO Committee would be given the responsibility to review various contracts on behalf of physicians with input from the AMA and legal resources.

**Secretary's Report:** Dr Kimura reported an increase of 66 active full pay members, an increase of 22 members from November 1997.

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial statements for August - November 1997 were distributed and reviewed.

• Dr Howard reported: 1) that the Executive Committee (HMA Officers) are meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m.; 2) Council will meet every other month at 5:30 p.m. and on the alternate months the Executive Committee will meet with the Component Society Presidents. 3) The committees have been consolidated/decreased to a total of 17 committees. 4) that he and Mr. Won will be visiting the neighbor island county societies at least twice this year; 5) A bulletin board will be maintained and an action officer appointed in order to keep track of motions that were made at the Council. 6) that he and Heidi attended the Coordinated Care Task Force Workshop. 7) HMA is also represented on the Tort Reform Task Force. A final draft of legislation will be available in a month. The focus of the group will be the elimination of the law on joint and several liability.

• The HMA Alliance presented a written report which was distributed to the Council members and will be kept on file.

## Component Society Reports

**Honolulu.**—Dr C. Goto reported that the HCMS annual meeting in November was well attended and the speaker was Richard Miller, attorney for the Hawaii Coalition who had interesting comments on Physician Insurance Contracts. The HCMS will be holding general membership meetings every other month.

**Maui.**—Dr Betwee reported that he is having a difficult time getting physicians together to have a meeting. Prior to setting up a meeting, he would like to get a small group of member and nonmember physicians to meet and discuss membership goals.

**Kauai.**—Dr Magoun reported that he is planning a membership drive. A large medical group on Kauai will pay HMA dues if a physician

wants to join. He thanked Becky Kendro for arranging the Evaluation Management meeting on December 4.

**West Hawaii.**—Dr Leeloy reported that a meeting is planned for January 13 and Dr Bernard Fong will be the speaker.

## Council Action

- A motion was passed to appoint a **Staff Action Coordinator** who would be responsible to track and follow-up on actions taken by HMA's governing bodies.
- Approved the Nominating Committees policy recommendations for elections by mail in 1998. Information will be sent to the membership in the newsletter.
- Approved the Finance Committee's recommendation for a mandatory \$50 fee for entities outside of the HMA using the Conference Rooms with a \$25 cleaning deposit.
- Approved a Finance Committee's recommendation to include a surcharge on dues paid in increments which exceeded the dues deadlines.
- Approved a membership survey to get feedback on what they like or dislike about the HMA.
- A motion was passed that Council members sign a disclosure statement indicating all their organizational affiliations which may cause conflict of interest.

## For Information

**AMA Interim Meeting Report.**—Dr Kunimoto distributed a written report summarizing the AMA interim meeting. He announced that the AMA Executive Vice-President resigned prior to the meeting and Dr Len Jennings will serve as the acting EVP. The AMA Board of Trustees will conduct a formal search to fill the position.

**Long Range Planning Committee.**—The committee met on November 12 in response to Resolution No. 3 of the HMA 1997 House of Delegates. Drs G. McKenna and P. Hellreich were elected Co-chairs of the committee. The Co-chairs are going to meet before the next committee meeting to work on 5 to 6 key goals to present to the committee and Council.

**Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee.**—Some physicians who sit on the Medicare Advisory committee discussed concerns about cuts in reimbursements and the operations of the new Medicare carrier. Dr Howard asked that concerns about this issue be put in writing for submission to the next advisory committee meeting.

**Board of Medical Examiners.**—Dr J. McDonnell reported that the Board of Medical Examiners continues to meet after a two-year lull regarding nurse prescriptive authority. Dr McDonnell suggested an exclusionary formulary and the Board agreed to 4 of the 5 exclusions recommended — all narcotics, anesthetics, all experimental drugs and off labeled uses. The nurses would not accept the 5th exclusion recommended which would have permitted an agreement with two consenting parties that could exclude any drug.. The Board meets again in January to discuss the issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.